Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The donor's intention was not a free gift.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the expenditure on account of this?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—There is a watchman on Rs. 8 per mensem, then there is the P. C. R. Works and there is the water cess to be paid.

Mr A. V. Moothedan.—What is the average number of persons?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I want notice.

In-patient Department in the Nemmara Hospital—allotment for.

374. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the number of in-patients in the Nemmara Hospital has increased considerably since 1109;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the average amount allotted for the in-patient department per mensem in the years 1109, 1110 and 1111;

(c) is the amount allotted found sufficient for the above department;

(d) was any proposal made for the sanction of an additional amount;

(e) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action has been taken for the same?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) No separate allotment for the in-patient department.

(c) (d) and (e) Does not arise.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻചെട്ടിയാർ.— Separate allotment ഇല്ല എന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ ഒന്നായിട്ട് allot ചെയ്യുന്ന സംഖ്യ എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sir, in the year 1109 the amount sanctioned under dietary charges was Rs. 450 but in the year 1110 this amount was found insufficient and the Assistant Surgeon asked for an additional allotment and Rs. 750 was totally spent. But in the year 1111 an increased amount has been sanctioned. The present allotment is Rs. 800 under dietary charges alone.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there enough beds for the in-patients?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—This question has been answered.

Grant-in-aid dispensaries.

375. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when grant-in-aid dispensaries were first started in the State;

(b) how many of them are there now?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) In 1103.

(b) 18.

Conversion of the grant-in-aid dispensary at Pazhanji into a Government dispensary.

376. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state the difficulties on the Government side to convert the present grant-in-aid dispensary, Pazhanji, into a Government dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Stringency of funds is the chief reason as it would mean an initial cost of about Rs. 15,000 and a recurring expenditure of about Rs. 5,000 per annum.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the average attendance of patients in this Hospital is?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The number was given in answer to a question yesterday. It will be about 25 or 30.

Remarks of the Honorary visitor to the Chalakkudi Hospital, His Highness the 21st Prince.

377. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the remarks made by the Honorary visitor to the Chalakkudi Hospital, His Highness the 21st Prince of Cochin last year;

(b) was any action taken on it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes. A copy is placed on the table.

(b) The improvements referred to will be taken up as funds permit.

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